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# MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2016 BOARD MEETING AND HEARING

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan Olsen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Stan Olsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## 3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Administrator Ronald Grogan stated the meeting is in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

#### 4. Public Comment

No comments.

# 5. Approval of the March 31, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

All in favor - motion passes.

- 6. Discussion with Maria Soto, Traffic Manager for LVCVA, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service Maria Soto stated the recent taxicab service for the conventions at the LVCVA has gone very well. She is grateful for the additional help from the taxicab industry field supervisors.
- 7. Discussion with Freddie Kirtley, Assistant Director, Landside Operations, McCarran International Airport, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service.

Freddie Kirtley was not present for the meeting.

- 8. Discussion with Jeff White, Security Manager, Sands Expo, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service Jeff White stated they are seeing good service at Sands Expo. The recent conventions had a wait time of 5 minutes or less. He is thankful to Frias for sending out a field supervisor. Member Campos addressed Mr. White asking if the concerns Mr. White had a few months ago regarding service have been addressed. Mr. White responded that his concern of a few months ago was caused by road construction which has since cleared up.
- 9. Discussion with Bernardo Neto, Director of Hotel Operations, Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, Regarding Taxicab Service for T-Mobile Arena.

Bernardo Neto expressed his gratitude to Chief Aquino and his staff for their assistance setting up lines and taxi flow during the opening of T-Mobile Arena stating they had about 16,000 people leaving at the same time. Mr. Neto stated there are no taxicab stands at T-Mobile Arena and that the Monte Carlo has the closest taxicab stand. Member Campos asked Mr. Neto how far is the walk from T-Mobile Arena to the Monte Carlo. Mr. Neto responded that it is about 200 yards.

# 10. Discussion with Jeremy Aguero Regarding Analysis of State of Nevada, Governor's Finance Office, Division of Internal Audits, Audit Report, Report Number 16-01, January 2016.

Chairman Olsen stated this agenda item has been pulled from the agenda as Mr. Aguero has another draft coming and was not quite ready to present.

## 11. Staff Report

## a. Administrator's Report

Administrator Grogan stated Taxicab Authority is getting ready to submit the RFP for the office automation project. Administrator Grogan also stated that the court backlog will be cleared up by June and he expressed his gratitude to the legal team for this accomplishment.

#### b. Chief Investigator's Report

Chief Ruben Aquino commended Mr. Neto on the fantastic performance of his team during the T-Mobile Arena opening. Chief Aquino further commented that he would like to see more partnerships between the taxicab industry, properties, and the Taxicab Authority. Chief Aquino stated that the Taxicab Authority recently hired two new investigators who are currently in field training and were also able to promote two sergeants from within, Chris Rivers and Gabe Sablica. Chief Aquino addressed focus on enforcement of illegal passenger transportation. Chief Aquino addressed zero tolerance for long haul violations and the informational flyer he sent out to the industry to inform drivers of the penalties if they are cited. Chief Aquino announced that there is an upcoming round table discussion being scheduled and the itinerary will be sent out shortly. It will include motions to intervene, the neon project and the upcoming workshop for leasing cabs. Janette Speer, Taxicab Authority's in house counsel, will be attending the round table discussion.

Chairman Olsen addressed Chief Aquino stating that he takes a significantly dim view of off app and Gypsies and asked that Chief Aquino provide monthly stats on the number taken into custody.

# c. Stats for February 2016

Kelly Kuzik on behalf of the Nevada Taxicab Authority reminded the industry that the annual reports are due Friday, April 29, 2016. Mr. Kuzik has created a new excel spreadsheet that will be released next year to make this process smoother for everyone.

#### d. Future Agenda Items

The Aguero Report is a future agenda item.

#### 12. Report of Legal Counsel

Nothing to report at this time.

# 13. Public Comment

No comments.

#### 14. Adjournment

All in favor of adjournment – motion passes.

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Approved by: Stan Olsen Chairman Taxicab Authority Administrator